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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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November 18, 2002, and the Examiner interview conducted on  
December 18, 2002, entry of the following amendments and  
consideration of the following remarks respectfully is requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 27, 43 and 44.